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Status of International Instruments

as at 31 December 1991

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Afghanistan	X	X			X	X		X	X	s	s	X
Albania	X	X						X	X	s	s	X
Algeria	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	X	X		s		
Angola							X			X	X	X
Antigua and Barbuda					X	X		X		s	X	X
Argentina	X	Xa	X		X	X		X		X	X	X
Australia	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X
Austria	X	Xa	X		X			X		s	X	X
Bahamas					X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Bahrain					X	X		X				
Bangladesh					X	X				X	X	
Barbados	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Belarus	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Belgium	X	Xa		s	X			X		X	X	X
Belize										X	X	
Benin					s	X	s			X	s	
Bhutan					s					X	X	
Bolivia	X	X	X		X	X	X	s	X	X	s	X
Botswana					X							
Brazil					X			X		X	X	X
Brunei Darussalam												
Bulgaria	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Burkina Faso					X	X	X	X		X	X	
Burma, *see* Myanmar												
Burundi	X	X			X	X	s			X	s	
Cambodia	s	s			X	X		X			X	
Cameroon	X	X	X		X	X	s		X	s	s	
Canada	X	Xa	X		X			X		X	X	X
Cape Verde					X	X	s				X	
Central African Republic	X	X	X		X	X	s			s		X
Chad					X	X				X		

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Albania				s		X	X	X						Albania
Algeria	X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		Algeria
Angola											X	X		Angola
Antigua and Barbuda	X	X		X	X	X	X			X				Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina	X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		Argentina
Australia	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		Australia
Austria	X		Xc	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		Austria
Bahamas	X			X	X	X	X							Bahamas
Bahrain						X	X							Bahrain
Bangladesh						X	X	X						Bangladesh
Barbados	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X			Barbados
Belarus	X		X			X	X	X						Belarus
Belgium	s		s	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		Belgium
Belize			X											Belize
Benin		X		X										Benin
Bhutan														Bhutan
Bolivia			s	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Bolivia
Botswana														Botswana
Brazil	X	X	X			X	X	X		s	X	X		Brazil
Brunei Darussalam														Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria	X		X	X			X	X						Bulgaria
Burkina Faso		X						X			X	X		Burkina Faso
Burma, *see* Myanmar														Burma, *see* Myanmar
Burundi											X	X		Burundi
Cambodia							X							Cambodia
Cameroon			X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Cameroon
Canada	X		Xc	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		Canada
Cape Verde												X		Cape Verde
Central African Republic				X			X	X			X	X		Central African Republic
Chad											X	X		Chad

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Chile	X	Xa			X	X	s	X		X	X	X
China					X	X	s	X		X	X	X
Colombia	X	X	X		X	X				s	X	X
Comoros					X	X						
Congo	X	Xa	X		Xb	X		X		X	X	X
Costa Rica	X	X	X	s	X					X	X	X
Côte d'Ivoire					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cuba					X		s	X		X	X	X
Cyprus	X	X	s		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Czechoslovakia	X	Xa	X						X	X	X	X
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	X	X						X		X	X	X
Denmark	X	Xa	X	s	Xb			X		X	X	X
Djibouti										X	X	X
Dominica					X				s	X	X	X
Dominican Republic	X	X	X							X	X	X
Ecuador	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Egypt	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	s
El Salvador	X	X	s		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Equatorial Guinea	X	X	X									
Estonia	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ethiopia					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fiji					X	X				X	X	X
Finland	X	Xa	X	X	X					X	X	X
France	X	X	X		Xb					s	X	X
Gabon	X	X			X	X	X	X	s	X	X	X
Gambia	X	Xa	X		X	X	X	X		s	X	X
Germany	X	Xa		X*	X	X*	X*	X	X	X*	X	X
Ghana					X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Greece	X				X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Grenada	X	X			s					s	X	X

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Chile	s	s	X							s	X	X	
China			X								X	X	
Colombia	s		X	s							X	X	
Comoros													
Congo			s						X	X	X	X	
Costa Rica		X	s	X	X			X			X	X	
Côte d'Ivoire			X								X	X	
Cuba		X	s	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cyprus					X								
Czechoslovakia						X	X	X					
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea													
Denmark													
Djibouti													
Dominica													
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Ecuador													
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El Salvador													
Equatorial Guinea													
Estonia													
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Guatemala	X				X					X	X	X
Guinea	X	X	s		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Guinea-Bissau							s			X	X	
Guyana	X	X			X	X	X			X	X	
Haiti		X			X	X	s	X		s	X	X
Holy See					X					X		
Honduras	X	s	s	s				X		X	X	
Hungary	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	s	X	X	X	X	X
Iceland	X	Xa	X	X	Xb			X		s	X	X
India	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		s	X
Indonesia							s			X	X	X
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	X	X			X	X	X	X		s		
Iraq	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	
Ireland	X	Xa	X		s			X		s	X	X
Israel	X	X			X			X		X	X	X
Italy	X	Xa	X	s	Xb			X		X	X	X
Jamaica	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Japan	X	X								s	X	X
Jordan	X	X			X	s	X	X		X	s	
Kenya	X	X				s	s		X	X	X	
Kiribati												
Kuwait					X	X				X		
Lao People's Dem. Rep.					X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Lebanon	X	X			X		s	X		X		
Lesotho					X	X		X		s	s	X
Liberia	s	s			X	X	s	X		s	X	s
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X
Liechtenstein										s		
Lithuania	X	X	X									
Luxembourg	X	Xa	X	s	X			X		s	X	X

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Guinea	s	X	X	X	X	X	X	s		X	X	X		Guinea
Guinea-Bissau											X	X		Guinea-Bissau
Guyana			X											Guyana
Haiti				X			X	X			X	X		Haiti
Holy See										s	X	X		Holy See
Honduras										s				Honduras
Hungary	X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Hungary
Iceland	X	X	s				X				X	X		Iceland
India	s			X	X	X	X	X						India
Indonesia			s											Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Rep.)							s	s			X	X		Iran (Islamic Rep.)
Iraq							X	X						Iraq
Ireland	X						X	X		X	X	X		Ireland
Israel	X	s	X				X	X		s	X	X		Israel
Italy		s	Xc				X	X			X	X		Italy
Jamaica	X						X	X			X	X		Jamaica
Japan							X	X			X	X		Japan
Jordan			X				X	X						Jordan
Kenya											X	X		Kenya
Kiribati										X	X			Kiribati
Kuwait							X	X						Kuwait
Lao People's Dem. Rep.								X						Lao People's Dem. Rep.
Lebanon				X				X						Lebanon
Lesotho	X						X	X			X	X		Lesotho
Liberia			X	X	X		s	s			X	X		Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	X		X				X	X		X	X	X		Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Liechtenstein			Xc								s	X		Liechtenstein
Lithuania														Lithuania
Luxembourg	X		Xc				X	X			X	X		Luxembourg

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Madagascar	X	X	X		X	X	s			X	X	X
Malawi										X	X	X
Malaysia							s					
Maldives					X		s	X		X		
Mali	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Malta	X	Xa	X		X					X	X	X
Mauritania					X	X	X			X		
Mauritius	X	X	X		X		X			X	X	X
Mexico	X	X			X	X	X	X	s	X	X	X
Monaco								X				
Mongolia	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Morocco	X	X			X		s	X		s		X
Mozambique					X	X		X		s		
Myanmar								X		X		s
Namibia					X	X						
Nauru												
Nepal	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Netherlands	X	Xa	X	X	Xb			X		s	X	X
New Zealand	X	Xa	X	X	X			X		s	X	X
Nicaragua	X	X	X	s	X	X	s	X	X	s	X	X
Niger	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X
Nigeria					X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Norway	X	Xa	X	X	Xb			X		X	X	X
Oman						X						
Pakistan					X	X		X		X		X
Panama	X	X	X		X	X	s	X		X	X	X
Papua New Guinea					X			X		s		
Paraguay								s		X		X
Peru	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	X	X		X	X	X
Philippines	X	Xa	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Poland	X	Xa	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Madagascar	X			X	X	X	X	X			X			Madagascar
Malawi	X					X	X	X			X	X		Malawi
Malaysia							X							Malaysia
Maldives	X	X		X	X	X	X	X						Maldives
Mali	X		Xc		X	X					X	X		Mali
Malta				X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Malta
Mauritania	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Mauritania
Mauritius						X							s	Mexico
Mexico	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					s	Monaco
Monaco		X									X			Mongolia
Mongolia			s	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	s	Morocco
Morocco								s			X	X		Mozambique
Mozambique		s	X	X	X	X	X	X						Myanmar
Myanmar														Namibia
Namibia			X	X	X	X		s						Nauru
Nauru														Nepal
Nepal						X	X							Netherlands
Netherlands	X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		New Zealand
New Zealand	X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X				X	X		Nicaragua
Nicaragua	X		s	X	X	X	X				X	X		Niger
Niger	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Nigeria
Nigeria			s			X	X				X	X		Norway
Norway	X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Oman
Oman														Pakistan
Pakistan														Panama
Panama	s					X	X	X			X	X		Papua New Guinea
Papua New Guinea			X	s							X	X		Paraguay
Paraguay						X					X	X		Peru
Peru			X								X	X		Philippines
Philippines			X				s			s	X	X		Poland
Poland	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		s	X	X		

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Portugal	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	
Qatar					X	X	X					
Republic of Korea	X	Xa	X		X			X		X	X	X
Romania	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Rwanda	X	X			X	X	s	X	X	X	X	
Saint Kitts and Nevis							X			X	X	
Saint Lucia					X		s			s	X	
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
Samoa										s		
San Marino	X	X	X									
Sao Tome and Principe						X				X		
Saudi Arabia								X		X		
Senegal	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	X	X		X	X	X
Seychelles					X	X				X		
Sierra Leone					X		s			X	X	X
Singapore												
Solomon Islands	X				X							X
Somalia	X	X	X		X	X	s					
South Africa											X	
Spain	X	Xa	X	X	X			X		X	X	X
Sri Lanka	X	Xa			X	X		X		X	X	
Sudan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
Suriname	X	X	X		X	X				s		
Swaziland					X					s	X	
Sweden	X	Xa	X	X	Xb			X		X	X	X
Switzerland										s	s	
Syrian Arab Rep.	X	X			X	X	X	X		s		
Thailand											X	X
Togo	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
Tonga					X			X				

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Portugal	s		Xc	X			X				X	X		Portugal
Qatar														Qatar
Republic of Korea								X		X				Republic of Korea
Romania	X	s	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Romania
Rwanda											X	X		Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis														Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia	X			X	X	X	X							Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent & Grenadines				X	X	X	X							Saint Vincent & Grenadines
Samoa		X									X			Samoa
San Marino							X							San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe											X	X		Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia						X	X							Saudi Arabia
Senegal			X	X			X				X	X		Senegal
Seychelles											X	X		Seychelles
Sierra Leone	X		s			X	X				X	X		Sierra Leone
Singapore	X						X	X						Singapore
Solomon Islands				X	X	X	X							Solomon Islands
Somalia			X								X	X		Somalia
South Africa				X	X	X		X						South Africa
Spain		X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Spain
Sri Lanka	X	s				X	X	X						Sri Lanka
Sudan			s	X		X	X				X	X		Sudan
Suriname				X			X				X	X		Suriname
Swaziland	X											X		Swaziland
Sweden	X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		Sweden
Switzerland			Xc	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		Switzerland
Syrian Arab Rep.				X	X	X	X	X						Syrian Arab Rep.
Thailand														Thailand
Togo			Xc	X			X	X			X	X		Togo
Tonga														Tonga

States	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1)	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (2)	Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (3)	Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (4)	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (5)	International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (6)	International Convention against Apartheid in Sports (7)	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (8)	Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity (9)	Convention on the Rights of the Child (10)	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (11)	Convention on the Political Rights of Women (12)
Trinidad and Tobago	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X
Tunisia	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X
Turkey					s			X		s	X	X
Tuvalu												
Uganda	X				X	X	X			X	X	
Ukraine	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Union of Soviet Socialist Rep.	X	X	X		Xb	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
United Arab Emirates					X	X						
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	X	Xa			X			X		X	X	X
United Republic of Tanzania	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X
United States of America	s	s			s			X			s	X
Uruguay	X	X	X	s	Xb		X	X		X	X	s
Vanuatu										s		
Venezuela	X	X	X	s	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Viet Nam	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	
Yemen	X	X			X	X**	s	X	X	X	X	X
Yugoslavia	X	X	s		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zaire	X	X	X		X	X	s	X		X	X	X
Zambia	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X
Zimbabwe	X	Xa			X	X	X	X		X	X	
TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES PARTIES	104	100	61	12	130	92	54	103	32	108	111	96
Signatures not followed by ratification	3	4	5	9	6	2	28	3	1	35	12	4

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women (13)	Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages (14)	Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (15)	Slavery Convention of 1926 (16)	1953 Protocol amending the 1926 Convention (17)	Slavery Convention of 1926 as amended (18)	Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery (19)	Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of others (20)	Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (21)	Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (22)	Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (23)	Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (24)	Convention on the rights of migrant workers and the members of their families (25)	States
X	X				X	X			X				Trinidad and Tobago
X	X	Xc			X	X			X	X	X		Tunisia
		Xc	X	X	X	X				X	X		Turkey
										X	X		Tuvalu
X		X			X	X			X	X	X		Uganda
X		X			X	X	X						Ukraine
X		Xc			X	X	X						Union of Soviet Socialist Rep.
													United Arab Emirates
X	X	Xd	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
			X		X	X				X	X		United Republic of Tanzania
	s	s	X	X	X	X					X		United States of America
s		Xc	s							X	X		Uruguay
							X						Vanuatu
X	X	X					X				X		Venezuela
													Viet Nam
	X	X			X		X**			X**	X**		Yemen
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		Yugoslavia
						X				X	X		Zaire
X					X	X			X	X	X		Zambia
										X	X		Zimbabwe
57	36	64	69	54	87	104	61	16	36	107	108		TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES PARTIES
8	8	15	6	0	0	3	5	3	8	0	0	3	Signatures not followed by ratification

× Ratification, accession, approval, notification or succession, acceptance or definitive signature.

s Signature not yet followed by ratification.

* Ratification, accession, approval, notification or succession, acceptance or definitive signature which have been given only by the former German Democratic Republic before the reunification.

** Ratification, accession, approval, notification or succession, acceptance or definitive signature which have been given only by the former Republic of Yemen.

a Declaration recognizing the competence of the Human Rights Committee under article 41 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

b Declaration recognizing the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

c Declarations recognizing the competence of the Committee against Torture under articles 21 and 22 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

d Declaration under article 21 only.

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